Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The Diwan-President declared on the occasion of the last meeting that His Highness has been graciously pleased to allow the Council to suggest a name for the place of the Deputy President.

(b) No definite steps have been taken in the matter.

Increase of pay to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

54. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Dr. Rao, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, applied to the Government or otherwise represented to the Government for an increase of his salary;

(b) if the answer to (1) is in the negative will the Government be pleased to state (1) who started the question of revising the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer; and

(2) what were the considerations which weighed with the Government in so revising it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No application was received. Dr. Rao informally raised the question of the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

(b) (1) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (a).

(2) The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is one of the most important Heads of Departments like the Chief Engineer and the Director of Public Instruction and Government thought, when the question was raised, that it was only reasonable to place him in their grade in the matter of pay also.

55. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there were any special reasons now for increasing the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, what are they?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Vide answer to part (b) of question No. 54.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to say when the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer became one of the major Heads of Departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He never ceased to be.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it from the beginning so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was this question of the pay of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer considered by the Special Finance Committee?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, it was considered.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer one of the Members of the Committee?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Yes, he was, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did the Government advert to the report of the Committee before they passed this order?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, they did.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there any special reason for raising the pay subsequent to that?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No reason subsequent to that. When orders were first passed on the subject it was thought that the Diwan Peishkar, the Director of Public Instruction and the Chief Engineer, these three may be included in the higher grade. The Finance Committee's recommendation was that these three and the Chief Medical Officer, the Comptroller of Accounts and the Secretary to the Diwan may all be in the superior grade. The resolution passed in the House was that all these Heads of Departments be in the same grade. When they passed orders they put the Diwan Peishkar, the Director of Public Instruction and the Chief Engineer in the first grade and the rest in the lower grade. It was now thougt that the Chief Medical Officer's work is equally hard and responsible and so he was given a higher pay.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Whether, apart from the question of thinking, this became most important now? Any special reason?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a subsequent grant.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is not the Chief Medical Officer allowed to take up private practice?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there any other Head of Department allowed to do like that and earn money?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—But there is a great difference in the professions they follow.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Whether, as a matter of fact, any other Head of Department gets remuneration for private work, done outside their office hours?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No, unless he is specially authorised to take.

Mr. E Ikkanda Warriar.—Are there instances?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Instances like that may happen.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I have one or two instances?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Head of a Department may write a book and Government may allow its publication, or he may be requested by any University to act as its examiner.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was there any urgency to pass these orders in these times of depression?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was no such urgency. But there is no reason to with-hold it.

Transfer of officers in the Medical Department.

56. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the transfers of officers in the Medical Department are made in the interests of the public or in the interests of the officers concerned?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Transfers are made in the interest of the Department.

Suspension of Dr. Kunjan Nayar.

57. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the reasons for suspending Dr. Kunjan Nayar;

(2) the period for which he is suspended;

(3) the length of his service in the State;

(4) whether there had been any complaints against him before this and if so what and when were they?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) For belabouring very severely a female lunatic.

(2) Suspended until further orders pending final decision of the Government on the charges against him.

(3) 12 years 10 months and 13 days.

(4) No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether there are cases in which corporal punishment is resorted to as a remedy for the lunatics?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are they, to the knowledge of the Chief Medical Officer, applied in any place?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—In no place.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Have they conducted an inquiry in this matter?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There is no necessity for any inquiry because it was never allowed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know who reported about this matter?

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